

How to use a Fire Extinguisher

Extinguisher's can come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes, but the operation of each is similar. There is an easy acronym to remember to use Extinguisher's.

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Pull Aim Squeeze Sweep

Pull the Pin at the top of the extinguisher.

The pin releases a locking mechanism and will allow you to discharge the extinguisher. Some units require the releasing of a lock latch or pressing a puncture lever.

Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire. ***NOT THE FLAMES!!!*** This is important – in order to put the fire out, you must extinguish the fuel.

Squeeze the lever slowly. This will release the extinguishing agent in the extinguisher. If the handle is released, the discharge will stop.

Sweep from side to side. Using a sweeping motion, move the fire extinguisher back and forth until the fire is completely out. Operate the extinguisher from a safe distance, several feet away, and then move towards the fire once it starts to diminish. Be sure to read the instructions on your extinguisher – different fire extinguishers recommend operating them for different distances.

Shut off the extinguisher and then watch carefully for a rekindling fire.

REMEMBER TO REFILL THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AFTER IT HAS BEEN USED!!!!!!!!!!!!